



Conceptual Rendering

The lobby area on the first floor of the community recreation center would provide easy access to the gym, locker rooms, restrooms, warm water pool and lap pool. The second floor of the recreation center, which would feature a walk/jog track and fitness areas, would be accessible by both a staircase and elevator near the front entrance.



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**Cañon City Area Recreation & Park District**  
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## 2021 Planning Update | Q&A

### Why is Cañon City Area Recreation and Park District considering placing two funding proposals on the November 2021 ballot?

Cañon City Area Recreation and Park District seeks to construct, operate and maintain a community recreation center, significantly expanding recreation opportunities for all district residents.

### What would be included in the new community recreation center?

Based on public input gathered as part of a districtwide survey and other community engagement efforts, the current proposal calls for the following amenities:

- Warm water leisure pool
- Lap pool
- Walk/jog track
- Multi-activity gym
- Fitness area (with cardio equipment, circuit weights and free weights)
- Multipurpose rooms
- Exercise rooms
- Family changing rooms
- Lobby/lounge area

### Why are two funding proposals required?

A voter-approved bond measure would fund construction of the new recreation center and a voter-approved mill levy would help fund ongoing operations and maintenance of the facility and other operating needs of the District.

### What is the proposed location of the new community recreation center?

The proposed location of the community recreation center would be on a portion of land at the Holy Cross Abbey site. In addition to being a convenient location, this site provides many benefits, including access to water, sewer and power; no flood plain or floodway issues; the opportunity to work with the developer to reduce offsite costs; and future expansion opportunities, if needed.

### Would seniors have quality access to the pools, walk/jog track, and other amenities?

Like other recreation centers in Colorado and nationally, it is anticipated that our seniors would be one of the largest user groups. The District has been seeking guidance from other recreation districts in developing final plans for facility design, programming, hours of operation and pricing, with a special focus on meeting the needs of our seniors.

### What are the benefits of having a community recreation center in our community?

There are many anticipated benefits of the proposed recreation center, including improving our overall quality of life; promoting healthy life choices and helping control healthcare costs; keeping seniors, families and children connected; offering after-school programs that benefit working families; attracting young families, professionals and new businesses to our community; and protecting property values.

### What role do community recreation centers play in promoting business development and the creation of well-paying jobs?

Quality of life, including access to indoor-recreation opportunities, is an increasingly important factor being considered by professionals, start-ups and other businesses when choosing where to locate.

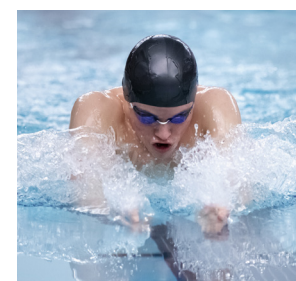
### What are the drawbacks of waiting to pursue a new recreation center?

Construction costs continue to increase and borrowing costs are at, or near, historic lows. The longer we wait, the more it will cost.

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Conceptual Rendering of Community Recreation Center







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## How large is the proposed recreation center?

The current plan calls for a 61,000 sq. ft. facility. This would provide enough space for those amenities that the community has identified as its highest priority.

## What size funding proposals is the Recreation District considering placing on this fall's ballot?

The District is considering placing a \$30 million bond measure and a mill levy proposal of 3.5 mills on the November 2021 ballot. The bond issue would fund construction costs and the mill levy would provide funding for ongoing operations and maintenance of the recreation center and to support operating needs of the District.

## What is the estimated tax impact of the proposed bond measure and mill levy proposal?

The estimated annual tax impact of the proposed bond measure and mill levy proposal would be \$44.47 and \$25, respectively, per \$100,000 of a home's actual market value.

## What oversight would be in place?

The District would provide community updates on its website as well as via in-person community outreach meetings and/or informational webinars.

## Is the Recreation District seeking grants to help pay for some of the proposed improvements?

Yes. The District will be applying for grant funds to help address certain costs. Unfortunately, most grants do not pay for capital improvements. Available grants are often for outside projects and/or for equipment purchases.

## Would user fees help pay for ongoing operations and maintenance of the recreation center?

Ongoing operations and maintenance costs would be addressed by a combination of user fees and revenues from a voter-approved mill levy.

## Would there be higher user fees for out-of-district residents?

Yes. Anyone who is not a district resident would pay a higher fee to use the recreation center.

## Would there be various levels of fees?

Like other community recreation centers, the District would likely offer annual and quarterly memberships, punch passes, and day passes. The goal would be to make the recreation center as affordable as possible.

## Would low-income residents be provided a lower fee?

The goal would be to seek corporate donations to create a scholarship program that provides price assistance to low-income residents.

## Would seniors pay a discounted fee?

Yes. The District seeks to create a senior fee structure that takes into consideration that many seniors are on a fixed income.

## Would the existing pool stay open if voters turn down funding for the new recreation center?

According to outside engineers who have evaluated the District's 54-year-old pool, it has already surpassed its estimated useful life. Given many mechanical and structural issues, remodeling the pool is not an option. When the pool closes, the District would not have enough money to build a new one without additional voter-approved funding.

## If district residents seek additional information about the recreation center project who can they contact?

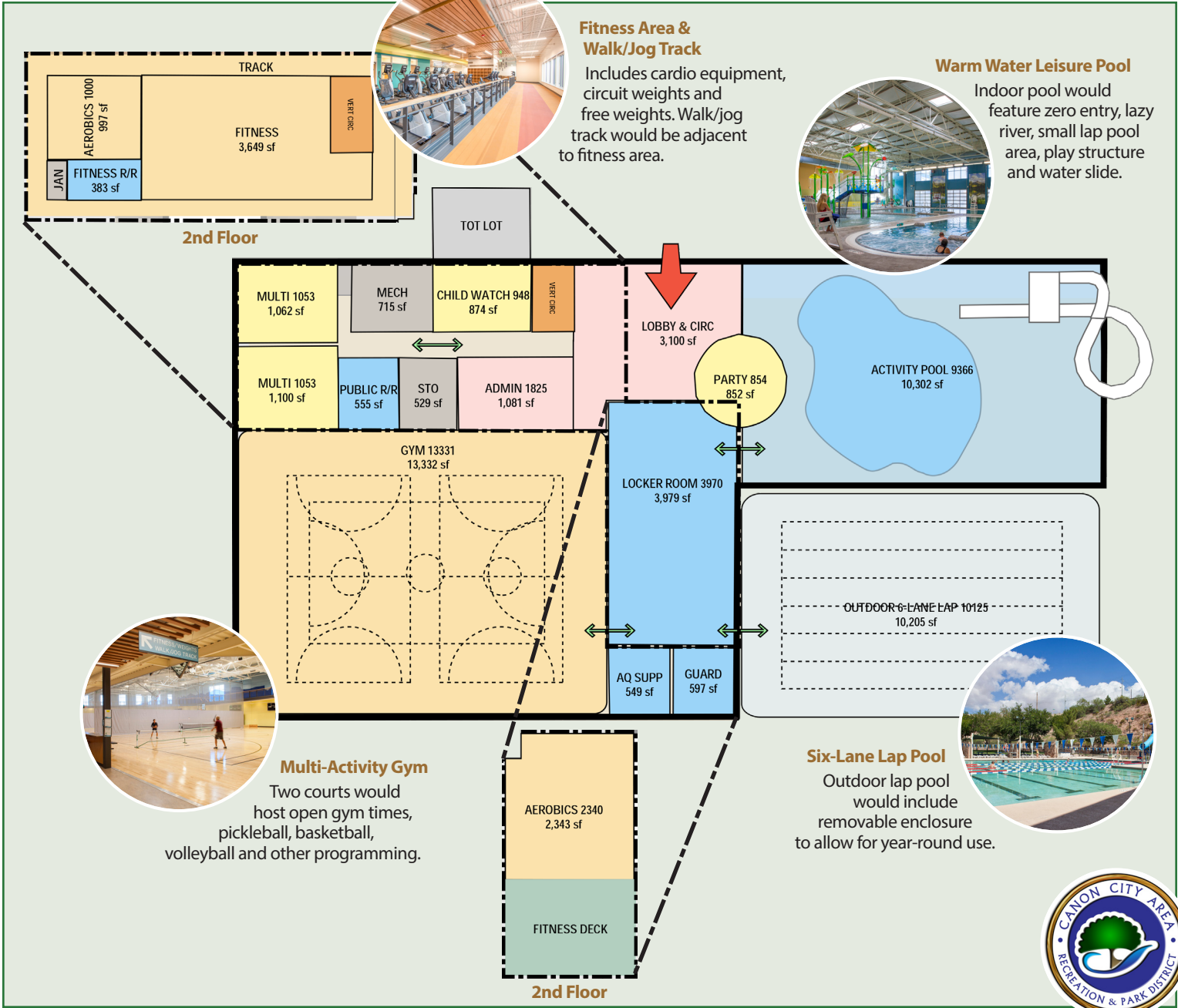
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**Thank you for reviewing the enclosed materials and participating in the mail survey. Your input will help guide our next steps when it comes to a new community recreation center.**

- Jim Johnson  
Board President  
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## Proposed Floor Plan



## What programs would likely be offered at the new community recreation center?

Following are some of the programs being considered for the new community recreation center:

- Aerobics
- After School Programs
- Arts & Crafts
- Badminton
- Banquets
- Basketball Leagues
- Basketball Tournaments
- Beginner Fitness
- Birthday Parties
- Boot Camps
- Camps
- Cardio Classes
- Chess
- Child Care
- Circuit Training
- Coffee Chats
- Community Events
- Competitive Swimming
- Contests



- Continuing Education Classes
- Craft Clubs
- Dances
- Family Fun Nights
- Fitness Classes (Youth and Adult)
- Floor Hockey League
- Free Weights
- Game Nights/Card Games
- Group Exercise Programs/Classes
- Health and Wellness Programs
- Holiday Events/Parties
- Ice Cream Socials
- Indoor Soccer Leagues/Tournaments
- Kayak Lessons
- Kick Boxing
- Kids Night Out (Preteen/Teen)
- Lap Swim
- Learn to Dance Programs
- Lifeguard Training
- Martial Arts
- Meditation
- Open Gym
- Open Swim
- Parent and Tot Classes (Fitness, Sports, Tumbling)
- Photography



- Pickleball League/Tournament
- Pilates
- Private Parties
- Rehearsal Space
- Rentals (Showers, Retirement, Birthday, etc.)
- Resistance Training
- School District Swimming Classes
- Scuba
- Senior Fitness Programs
- Senior Water Programs
- Silver Sneakers
- Social Clubs (Pinocle, Bridge, Bunco, etc.)
- Special Community Events
- Summer Camps
- Swimming Lessons
- Tabata (HIIT) Classes
- Tai Chi Classes
- Tumbling Programs
- Tournaments
- Volleyball
- Walking/Jog Track
- Water Aerobics/Exercise Classes
- Wrestling
- Yoga

